

**POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**REPORT OF COMMUNITY INPUT RECEIVED
AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2020**

Four members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See the transcript of the meeting, posted on the Board's website, for a complete report of each speaker's remarks.

The Chicago Police Department responded to Matt Brandon's and Jennifer Edwards's remarks (see below).

The Office of the Police Board determined that the remarks made by Mary Hartfield and George Blakemore did not require a response in addition to that provided at the meeting.



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April 14, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Response to Community Input from the March 19, 2020 Police Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Caproni,

Thank you for forwarding the transcript of the March 19, 2020 Police Board Meeting so that the community comments made by Matt Brandon and Jennifer Edwards can be reviewed, and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) can provide a report of the steps it has taken to address the concerns that these individuals raise.

Matt Brandon and Jennifer Edwards have spoken before the Police Board on several occasions and the Department thanks them for the positive feedback about the community conversations, constructive criticism and possible solutions and welcome their participation in future meetings. Their input is very helpful as the Department moves through the Consent Decree and works to improve its relationship with the community. As Mr. Brandon said, it is important that community policing principles begin in the Academy and continue with every officer in the Department throughout their career. Moving forward the Department intends to create working groups to address a variety of directives, training and policy issues and we encourage these members to become part of those working groups and to continue to provide ideas for top down uniform implementation of community policing. With the summer approaching, the Department is evaluating the actions it took last summer and determining what it can do to keep communities safe while engaging the community and rebuilding the relationship with these groups to move forward in a positive manner.

Additionally, Jennifer Edwards discussed an interaction between the community and the 6th District. To the extent we can be more helpful in scheduling these meetings I would encourage Ms. Edwards to contact the District Commanders to schedule any additional meetings.

Thank you again for this opportunity and the Department looks forward to upcoming opportunities for additional community input.

Sincerely,



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